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MADISON . . . The Department of Regulation and Licensing announced that the following disciplinary orders were issued in March 2004.

Susan Aleckson, La Crosse – Social Worker. The Social Worker section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board accepted the surrender of Susan Aleckson's social worker training certificate, based on her having sexual intercourse with her sixteen year old foster child and being convicted of two counts of Sex with a Child Age 16 or Older. Aleckson was also ordered to pay \$360 in costs. [LS0403034SOC]

Dawn Benkowski, South Milwaukee – Licensed Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing accepted the surrender of Dawn Benkowski's license. Benkowski diverted controlled substances from her employer for her personal use. She then self reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing requesting to participate in the Impaired Professionals Procedure (IPP) program. Benkowski failed to comply with the IPP program and later sent the Department of Regulation and Licensing a letter expressing her desire to surrender her license. [LS0403041NUR]

Timothe Blair, Marshall – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board ordered Timothe Blair to complete an anger management program for veterinarians and to pay costs in the amount of \$936.33. An investigation of Blair revealed several incidents of physical abuse to animals under his care. [LS0403241VET]

Byron Buchli, Deerfield – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board ordered Byron Buchli to complete an education program regarding veterinary anesthesia and a record keeping course conducted by the UW School of Veterinary Medicine. Buchli failed to properly administer anesthesia to a cat under his care. Buchli must pay \$736.08 in costs and allow the Board or its designee to conduct a random audit of his records at least once during the year following the resumption of practice. [LS0403242VET]

Janet Burns, Chicago, IL – Registered Nurse. The Board of Nursing accepted the surrender of Janet Burns' license. When Burns applied for a license in Wisconsin, she answered "no" to questions on the application inquiring if she had any medical conditions, including drug addiction and alcoholism. By failing to mention her hospitalization for alcohol abuse, Burns procured her license by fraud. It was later found that Burns had recorded giving medication to a patient even though the patient later reported that they had not received the medication (a schedule II controlled substance). [LS0403042NUR]

Joyce Cleavenger, Belt, MT – Registered Nurse. The Board of Nursing reprimanded Joyce Cleavenger, ordered her to pay \$1,000 in costs, and to complete certain education. Cleavenger informed a patient's mother that PEEP valve settings of a patient's ventilator were correct after the alarm sounded. The patient's mother checked the settings herself and found the setting to be incorrect. [LS0306252NUR]

Lynette Duley-Culver, Fond du Lac – Nursing Home Administrator. The Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Lynette Duley-Culver's license. Duley-Culver used credit cards from her employer for personal items and submitted forged and fraudulent expense accounts. Duley-Culver was later convicted in Fond du Lac and Winnebago County Circuit Courts for these crimes. [LS0403181NHA]

Anne Ehrmentraut, Neenah – Social Worker. The Social Worker section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board reprimanded Anne Ehrmentraut and ordered her to pay \$480 in costs. Ehrmentraut continued to work using the title "social worker" after the Department of Regulation and Licensing denied her renewal due to a Revenue hold for tax delinquency. [LS0403035SOC]

Jennifer Hase, Waukesha – Registered Nurse. The Board of Nursing issued an Amended Final Decision and Order against Jennifer Hase suspending her license for a minimum of five years. The suspension was stayed for three months conditioned upon compliance with certain limitations. Hase diverted a controlled substance from her employer. [LS0305092NUR]

Suzanne Higgins, Milwaukee – Licensed Practical Nurse. Following a hearing, the Board of Nursing revoked the license of Suzanne Higgins for fabricating blood sugar readings of a resident on several occasions. [LS0305131NUR]

Christina Hubert, Eau Claire – Social Worker. The Social Worker section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board reprimanded Christina Hubert and ordered her to pay \$275 in costs. Hubert used the title "social worker" prior to obtaining a temporary social worker certificate. [LS0403036SOC]

Susan Huycke, North Lake – Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The Social Worker section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board suspended the license of Susan Huycke for one year with certain limitations after the suspension is complete. The suspension is retroactive to September 24, 2003, when she voluntarily ceased practice. Huycke engaged in a sexual relationship with a former client within 2 years of termination of professional services. [LS0403037SOC]

Thomas Kremer, South Milwaukee – Private Security Person. The Department of Regulation and Licensing reprimanded Thomas Kremer and ordered \$200 in costs. Kremer failed to inform the Department of his 1999 battery conviction. [LS0403251RSG]

Madge Krueger, Milwaukee – Registered Nurse. The Board of Nursing suspended the license of Madge Krueger for an indefinite period and stayed the suspension for a period of 3 months. Krueger may obtain additional extensions of the stay upon compliance of limitations set by the Board. Krueger diverted a controlled substance from her employer for her personal use, and was later diagnosed with opiate dependence. The Board also ordered \$250 in costs. [LS0403043NUR]

Pat Langford, Merrimac – Licensed Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing reprimanded Pat Langford and ordered \$200 in costs. Langford gave the medication cart keys to an unauthorized person and failed to comply with the employer's policy which requires the counting of narcotics by the outgoing and incoming nurse. It was found that 39 tablets of Vicodin, a controlled substance, were missing from the medication cart. [LS0403044NUR]

Thomas Larkin, DePere – Dentist. The Dentistry Examining Board reprimanded Thomas Larkin and ordered him to pay \$700 in costs. Larkin was disciplined in Illinois for prescribing and dispensing hydrocodone products to his mother and also failed to keep required records of his ordering, storage, and dispensing. Larkin also self-prescribed hydrocodone and benzodiazepine products for dental and non-dental conditions. All requirements regarding his Illinois license have since been met, although his Illinois controlled substance permit is still suspended. [LS0403031DEN]

Catherine McKesson, Fond du Lac – Medicine and Surgery. The Medical Examining Board limited the license of Catherine McKesson by ordering her to complete continuing education and to pay \$700 in costs. McKesson failed to order an EKG on a patient who presented with symptoms of chest heaviness and coughing. [LS0403172MED]

Donald Moore, Elm Grove – Real Estate Broker. The Real Estate Board reprimanded Donald Moore and ordered him to complete certain education. During an audit of Moore's real estate trust account it was discovered that he failed to do the required monthly trial balances and improperly disbursed trust funds. [LS0403252REB]

Mary Mormann, Racine – Licensed Practical Nurse. Following a hearing, the Board of Nursing revoked the license of Mary Mormann. Mormann, on several occasions, fabricated blood sugar readings for residents. [LS0305133NUR]

Lance Orlinski, Waupun – Dentist. The Dentistry Board reprimanded Lance Orlinski and ordered him to pay \$250 costs and a \$250 forfeiture. Orlinski drilled two cavities on the wrong patient. Similarities in the name of the two patients caused the wrong folder to be pulled prior to the procedure. [LS0403032DEN]

Rey Palop, Lancaster, CA – Medicine and Surgery. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded and limited the license of Rey Palop and ordered him to pay \$250 in costs. Palop wrote a number of prescriptions for controlled substances for his wife. These prescriptions were written in the name of a fictitious patient. [LS0403174MED]

Helen Patenaude, Oconto – Real Estate Broker. Following a hearing, the Real Estate Board revoked the license of Helen Patenaude. Patenaude failed to make records available to the Department for inspection and copying. [LS0306042REB]

Tina Putchel, Milwaukee – Registered Nurse. The Board of Nursing accepted the surrender of Tina Putchel's license and ordered her to pay \$850 in costs. Putchel, on four occasions, diverted Vicodin tablets from patients under her care for her personal use. On another occasion, Putchel diverted 3 controlled substances from her employer for her personal use. When interviewed by an investigator of the Department regarding the allegations, Putchel lied to the investigator and denied diverting the controlled substances. [LS0403046NUR]

Lynn Randel, Mineral Point – Dentist. The Dentistry Examining Board reprimanded Lynn Randel and ordered him to pay \$450 in costs and a \$500 forfeiture. Randel performed dental cleanings on three siblings on December 30, 1999, but billed as if the services were performed on January 3, 2000, because the parents had insurance that wasn't in effect until January 1, 2000. [LS0403033DEN]

Ronald Schultz, Jr., Verona – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board reprimanded Ronald Schultz, Jr. and placed limitations on his license. Schultz failed to recognize that a dog was dehydrated and failed to provide adequate nutritional support and monitoring. He also failed to have a policy in place for informing clients that his veterinary clinic did not have the capability to provide 24 hour monitoring of patients, and had no policy in place offering to refer the patient to a facility that offered such monitoring. [LS0403243VET]

Christine Schumacher, West Allis – Licensed Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing suspended the license of Christine Schumacher for an indefinite period. Schumacher entered a fabricated blood sugar reading for a resident on 3 different occasions and failed to take a blood sugar reading for the same patient on 2 other occasions. [LS0305132NUR]

Umesh Sharma, Glendale – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board ordered Umesh Sharma to complete certain education and to pay \$1,000 in costs. Sharma failed to recognize an abdominal mass that was apparent in an x-ray, based a diagnosis of Feline Immunodeficiency Virus on one positive test result, and undertook inappropriate and unnecessary treatments when an animal's condition warranted additional observation and diagnostic testing. [LS0403244VET]

Debbie Smith-Reed, Dodgeville – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board reprimanded Debbie Smith-Reed; placed limitations on her license and ordered her to pay \$300 in costs. Smith-Reed failed to properly perform an intestinal anastomosis and failed to provide adequate nutritional support, fluid therapy and monitoring during post-op recovery. She also failed to inform a client that the patient required 24 hour monitoring; that the clinic did not have the capability to offer 24 hour monitoring of patients, and failed to offer a referral of the client to a veterinary clinic that had the capability to give such monitoring required. [LS0403245VET]

Tara Stevenson, Burlington, IA – License Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing suspended the license of Tara Stevenson for one year and ordered her to pay \$525 in costs. Stevenson stole a wedding ring set from a patient while the patient slept and sold it to a pawn shop. After an investigation, Stevenson was convicted in the Grant County Circuit Court of felony theft and sentenced to 30 days jail time, 50 hours community service and 3 years probation. [LS0402271NUR]

Mary Urhausen, Racine – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board limited the license of Mary Urhausen and ordered her to pay \$800 in costs. Urhausen failed to properly perform an ovariectomy on a feline. [LS0403246VET]

John Vercauteren, Fond du Lac – Respiratory Care Practitioner. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of John Vercauteren's license after he diverted controlled substances from a patient's prescription bottle and later ingested them. Vercauteren was also ordered to pay \$526.10 in costs. [LS0403173MED]

Brenda Wenta, Darien – Licensed Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing accepted the surrender of Brenda Wenta's license and ordered her to pay \$725 in costs. Wenta diverted narcotics from her employer which resulted in the termination of her employment. Wenta then stole controlled substances from the medication room of her next employer which resulted in convictions of a felony and a misdemeanor and a sentence of 75 days jail, AODD assessment, abstinence, counseling, and 2 years probation. [LS0403047NUR]

Channing Wiersema, Plover – Medicine and Surgery. The Medical Examining Board limited the license of Channing Wiersema and ordered him to take continuing education in appropriate prescribing of controlled substances and ordered him to pay \$900 in costs. Wiersema failed to chart any AODA history for a patient that was claimed to have a history of drug abuse. Wiersema prescribed methylphenidate to the patient without a recorded indication of its use. [LS0403177MED]

Hedrick Wiley, Jr., Mauston – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board limited the license of Hedrick Wiley, Jr., and ordered him to pay \$1,183.22 in costs. Wiley failed to record information relating to physical examinations and the strength of medication administered in the patient's records. Wiley also gave the patient between five and ten times the recommended dosage of Hydroxyzine. [LS0403247VET]

All orders are based on an agreement unless otherwise noted. For a copy of any of the above orders, call Kelly Niesen (608) 267-7215. The complete text of orders is available at the Department's website: <http://drl.wi.gov/dept/decisions/decisions.htm>